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SUBJECT: INDIAN CANDIDATE FOR UN DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR
DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION

REF: BRUSSELS 3636 AND NEW DELHI 1669

1. THE POSITION LALL REFERS TO IS PRESUMABLY THAT OF UN
DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC COOPERATION, WHICH WAS CREATED BY UNGA RESOLUTION
32/197 OF DECEMBER 20, 1977 THAT ENDORSED THE REPORT OF
THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING THE ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UN SYSTEM. THE POSITION WILL BE
SECOND IN RANK TO THE SYG IN THE UN SECRETARIAT AND WILL
INVOLVE THE IMPORTANT AND DELICATE ROLE OF PROVIDING
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LEADERSHIP AND COORDINATION TO THE VARIOUS ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL COMPONENTS OF THE UN SYSTEM, INCLUDING THOSE
DIRECTLY UNDER THE SYG'S DIRECTION, AS WELL AS AGENCIES OF
THE UN ITSELF AND THE AUTONOMOUS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF
THE UN SYSTEM. (AT ONE TIME THE CREATION OF THE POST OF
UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL WAS CONTEMPLATED AS AN ALTERNATIVE,
BUT THIS WAS DROPPED.)

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2. THE APPOINTMENT IS TO BE MADE BY SYG WALDHEIM, AFTER CONSULTING MEMBER STATES, AND IT IS GENERALLY UNDERSTOOD THE APPOINTEE WILL BE FROM A DEVELOPING COUNTRY. TO DATE THERE ARE FOUR CANDIDATES WHOSE GOVERNMENTS HAVE FORMALLY REQUESTED SUPPORT: MANSOUR KHALID (SUDAN), KENNETH DADZIE (GHANA), ADEBAYO ADEDEJI (NIGERIA) AND MAHBUBUL HAQ (PAKISTAN). IN REPLY WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR APPRECIATION IN KNOWING THE INTEREST OF THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS, TAKING NOTE OF THE CANDIDATE'S QUALIFICATIONS; NOTED THAT THE APPOINTMENT IS OF COURSE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SYG; BUT INDICATED THAT WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO BEAR IN MIND THE PERSON'S CANDIDACY SHOULD THE SYG WISH TO CONSULT INFORMALLY WITH THE USG.

3. IN ADDITION TO THOSE CANDIDATES FORMALLY ENDORSED BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS, THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP IN NEW YORK HAS ENDORSED A SLATE OF FOUR LATIN AMERICANS HEADED BY ENRIQUE IGLESIAS (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ECLA). OTHER NAMES ARE ALSO MENTIONED AS POSSIBILITIES, INCLUDING IQUBAL AKHUND (PAKISTANI PERMREP TO UN) AND SHIRLEY AMERASINGHE (SRI LANKAN PERMREP TO UN).

4. PLEASE REPORT IF YOU RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION THAT THE GOI INTENDS TO SUPPORT LALL OFFICIALLY. VANCE

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